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SUBJECT: OUTSTANDING EMBASSY REQUESTS TO SOVIET AUTHORITIES

REF: BASKEY/TRACY TELECON AUGUST 5

1. SUMMARY - THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE MAJOR AND LONG STANDING REQUESTS TO THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF LESS URGENT OR LESS IMPORTANT REQUESTS WHICH ARE NOT DESCRIBED IN DETAIL IN THIS TELEGRAM.
END SUMMARY

2. HOUSING - IN FEBRUARY 1975 THE EMBASSY FORMALLY ASKED UPDK TO PROVIDE APARTMENTS ACCORDING TO THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE:

NUMBER OF APARTMENTS	DELIVERY DATE
6	SEPTEMBER 1975
6	MARCH 1976
5	DECEMBER 1976
4	JUNE 1977

OF THIS REQUEST, WE HAVE RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING APARTMENTS:

NUMBER OF PARTMENTS	DELIVERY DATE
1	SEPTEMBER 1975

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MAY 1976

WE ARE THUS 5 APARTMENTS SHORT NOW AND UPDK HAS INFORMED US NOT TO EXPECT ANY ADDITIONAL APARTMENTS BEFORE THE END OF CALENDAR 1976.

3. INCREASED ELECTRICAL SERVICE FOR THE CHANCERY - IN SEPTEMBER 1975 THE EMBASSY AGREED TO PAY APPROXIMATELY 25,000 RUBLES FOR INCREASED ELECTRICAL SERVICE TO THE CHANCERY. THE PRESENT SERVICE IS TOTALLY INADEQUATE, CAUSES SIGNIFICANT OPERATIONAL DIFFICULTIES, AND REPRESENTS A SAFETY HAZARD. TO DATE THE EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED NO INCREASE IN ELECTRICAL SERVICE AND WE HAVE HAD NO INDICATION WHEN THIS WORK WILL BE DONE.

4. EXPANSION OF EMBASSY'S MEDICAL FACILITIES - IN FEBRUARY 1976 THE EMBASSY REQUESTED UPDK TO PROVIDE EXPANDED SPACE FOR BADLY NEEDED MEDICAL TESTING LABORATORY. WE HAVE RECENTLY BEEN TOLD THAT CONSTRUCTION COULD NOT BE STARTED "BEFORE 1977".

5. RECREATION AREA - THE EMBASSY REQUESTED AN ADDITIONAL RECREATIONAL AREA IN AUGUST 1975. TO DATE UPDK HAS MADE NO OFFER.

6. THE FOUR ITEMS LISTED ABOVE REPRESENT THE EMBASSY'S MOST URGENT AND PRESSING REQUIREMENTS. OTHER SIGNIFICANT ITEMS INCLUDE UNFILLED REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL LOCAL EMPLOYEES, IMPROVEMENT OF CHANCERY'S FIRE ESCAPES, APPROPRIATE AND LARGER SPACE FOR THE ANGLO-AMERICAN SCHOOL AND ADEQUATE STORAGE SPACE FOR HANDLING SUPPLIES. DESPITE REPEATED EFFORTS BY THE EMBASSY INCLUDING PERSONAL CALLS BY THE AMBASSADOR ON UPDK, THESE REQUESTS REMAIN UNFILLED.
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